

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the first line of the specification as shown below:

This is a divisional of Application No. 09/790,716 filed February 23, 2001, now issued as Patent No. 6,866,090; the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

Page 47, first full paragraph:

As the duplex pipe 100 is directly attached to the release end [[641]] 644 formed in the right wall face 602 for machining the blind hole 642, it is not necessary to close the release end 644 with the blind plug 531 as shown in the third embodiment. Accordingly, in comparison with the joint 50 for duplex pipes, as parts to be brazed is reduced by one, a quality control is made easy as much, and an advantage is got in a cost.